GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1350 Dated: 05-11-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter RE.No.90/RE-REG/2020-S.10, dt.22.10.2024.
2. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter RE.No.90/RE-REG/2020-S.10, dt.02.12.2024.
3. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter RE.No.90/RE-REG/2020-S.10, dt.30.07.2025.
4. G.O.Ms.No.404, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:05.11.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for indulging in corrupt practices while discharging his duties while a Regular Enquiry was conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau team.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure.I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II, III & IV).

3. Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

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5. Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte. Further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

Sri Ch. Sathibabu, Village Revenue Officer Grade-II, Kakinada City, formerly worked as Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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Copy to:

The District Collector, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHELLA SATHIBABU, S/O SATYANARAYANA, VILLAGE REVENUE ASSISTANT, G. MAMIDADA VILLAGE, O/O TAHSILDAR, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN 90/RE-REG/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Sri Chella Sathibabu, S/o Satyanarayana, 41 years, Village Revenue Assistant, G. Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 03.03.2014 to 21.10.2020 (till date of regular enquiry) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-1:-

That the Government Servant while working as a Village Revenue Assistant, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal demanded an amount of Rs.20,000/- as bribe on behalf of Government Servant-1 from Sri. N.Peddasubba Reddy, G. Mamidada Village for mutation and to issue Pattadar Pass book for 0.38 cents of agricultural land in Sy. No.277/5 of G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e., he has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rule 3(1), 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHELLA SATHIBABU, S/O SATYANARAYANA, VILLAGE REVENUE ASSISTANT, G. MAMIDADA VILLAGE, O/O TAHSILDAR, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN 90/RE-REG/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Sri Chella Sathibabu, S/o Satyanarayana, Age 41 years, Village Revenue Assistant, G. Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) is a native of G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal. His date of birth is 16.06.1983. He joined in the Government Service on 03.03.2014 as Village Revenue Assistant and posted at G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal. Now he is working as Village Revenue Officer at Kakinada Urban. His basic pay is Rs.10,800/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2045 (62 Years). He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Brief facts:

Whereas, the Petitioner Sri Karri Sudhakara Reddy is a resident of G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District. Sri Nallamilli Peda Subba Reddy is his brother-in-law. He (Sri Nallamilli peda Subbareddy) acquired agricultural land to an extent of Ac.0.76 cents in Sy.No.277/5, L.N. Puram, G. Mamidada village from his Grandfather Sri Nallamilli Veereddy (late) and brother of his Grandfather Sri Vekanta Reddy (late), both of them have also executed an un registered will in his name. Out of 0.76 cents only 0.38 cents land was entered in revenue records in the name of Sri Nallamilli peda Subbareddy. On 09.10.2019, his brother-in-law had put an application to the Tahsildar, Padapudi Mandal through Mee-Seva for mutation of remaining 0.38 cents of agricultural land in online, but said application was rejected by the Government Servant-1 on 15.11.2019. On being questioned by his brother-in-law the Government Servant and Government Servant-3 replied that the Government Servant-1 is not accepting the mutation applications without registered documents but she asked Rs.10,000/- as formality to do his work. They also advised to put the application again. Then his brother-in-law again put an application to Tahsildar, Pedapudi through Mee-Seva on 17.12.2019 without paying the demanded bribe of Rs.10,000/-. The said application was also rejected by the Government Servant-1 on 30.12.2019. Later, his brother in law Peda Subbareddy again met the Government Servant and Government Servant-3 in the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi and when asked about the rejection of his application, they both replied that his application was rejected as he had not paid the formality, further they stated that, now the Tahsildar is demanding Rs.20,000/- as formality to complete his work. As his brother-in-law has no interest to give the demanded bribe to the Government Servant-1, he decided to complaint the matter to the CMO call centre 14400, approached him and asked him to call the 14400 to complain the above matter. Accordingly, he complained the matter in 14400 over phone and reported on behalf of his brother-in-law.

In this connection, Enquiry Officer conducted a discreet enquiry into this matter and submitted a report to Hon’ble DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada. Later on

21.10.2020 the Hon'ble DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada, instructed to conduct a Regular Enquiry vide C.No-90/RE-REG/2020, dt. 21.10.2020 against the Government Servants. Thus, the Government Servants has committed the misconduct as follows.

CHARGE:-

That the Government Servant while working as a Village Revenue Officer, G. Mamidada village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari district demanded an amount of Rs.20,000/- as bribe on behalf of Government Servant-1 from Sri. N.Pedda subba Reddy, G. Mamidada Village for mutation and to issue Pattadar Pass book for 0.38 cents of agricultural land in Sy.No.277/5 of G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal.

EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the course of enquiry it is revealed that, when the application dtd. 09.10.2019 of the petitioner's Brother-in-law Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy was rejected by the Government Servant-1 on 15.11.2019, he went to the Tahsildar office, Pedapudi and met the Government Servant-2 and the Government Servant and on being questioned both the Government Servants replied that, the Government Servant -1 do not accepts mutation for the unregistered will deeds and they further stated that she is demanding an amount of Rs. 10,000 as formality to accept the mutation and to issue Pattadar passbooks to the petitioner as he has only the unregistered will. Again on 17.12.2019 Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy applied for mutation, but did not give the demanded bribe of Rs.10,000. The Government Servant-1 again rejected the application on 30.12.2019 as the applicant did not pay the demanded bribe. Again when questioned by the applicant, Government Servant-2 and Government Servant replied that his application was rejected as he has not paid the demanded bribe of Rs.10,000/-. He was also informed by them now the Tahsildar is demanding Rs.20,000/- to complete his work and suggested to apply again. Both the times the Government Servant-2 did not conduct proper field enquiry for the reasons best known to him.

During the course of enquiry, on examination Sri A.G.Chinni Krishna, RDO, Kakinada Revenue Division, E.G.Distirct disclosed the procedure to be followed in issuing Pattadhar Pass book for any person who claimed property on the strength of an un registered will. The Government Servant - 2 did not follow the due procedure during the enquiry of the applications of Sri N.Pedda Subbareddy dated 09.10.2019 and 17.12.2019 by knowing all these things the Government Servant demanded bribe from Sri N. Pedda Subbareddy on behalf of Government Servant - 1.

On examination the petitioner Sri Karri Sudhakara Reddy, the applicant and the brother-in-law of the petitioner Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy stated that, Government Servant -2 and Government Servant were demanded an amount of Rs. 20,000/- for mutation of 0.38 cents of agricultural land in Sy.No. 277/5 , L.N. Puram, G. Mamidada village of the applicant on behalf of Smt. K.Rajya Lakshmi,

the then Tahsildar, Pedapudi (M), as the applicant did not pay the demanded amount of Rs. 20,000/- to them both the applications were rejected by the Government Servant's without any proper enquiry.

After the Surprise check conducted by the ACB officials, Rajamahendravaram the Government Servant -1 called them to the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi and asked to file the application again. Accordingly on 31.01.2020 Sri Peda Subbareddy applied for mutation. This time the Government Servant -2 conducted proper field enquiry and submitted enquiry report to the Tahsildar and on 09.03.2020 the mutation was approved. Even though the applicant Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy attached the same documents for all the three times i.e., on 09.10.2019, 17.12.2019 and on 31.01.2020, the Government Servant-2 did not conducted the proper field verification for the first two times. After the Surprise check conducted by the ACB officials on the instructions of Government Servant-1, the Government Servant -2 conducted proper field verification and submitted the field verification report with recommendation to allow mutation.

From all the above it is proved that the Government Servant demanded an amount of Rs. 20,000/- as bribe on behalf of Government Servant -1 from Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 to 5 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial No- 1 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e., he has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered himself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF WITNESSES

1	Sri Karri Sudhakara Reddy, S/o Aadi Reddy, D.No. 17-80, Dwarapudivari veedhi, G. Mamidada (V), Pedapudi (M). (Complainant).
2	Sri Nallimilli Peda Subba Reddy, S/o Veerabadraiah, A/33 yrs, D.No. 16-194, Sathivari veedhi, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi (M).
3	Sri A.G.Chinni Krishna, S/o (Late) Veera swami, Age-54 yrs, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, East Godavari District
4	Sri Subhash, Tahsildar, Pedapudi (M), East Godavari District
5	Any other witnesses whose evidence is relevant during investigation.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1.	File pertaining to the application No. RMU012003845103 dtd.30.01.2020 submitted by Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy of G.Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal 33 sheets.
2.	Any Other records which are required during the course of investigation will be obtained.

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